(1928) Department.

G.O. SERIES.

G.O. No. 168

DATED 23-1-1928

[Despatch Abstract.]

Assignment - Land - (South Kanara) - Disforested lands - Depressed classes and peasant proprietors - Legislative Council Question 1192

Answered on 5-11-27

Forests

Cultivable lands included in the Reserve Forests of South Kanara.

*1192 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government has received the information with reference to clause (*a*) of question No. 763 regarding cultivable lands included in the reserve forests of South Kanara, answered on 31st March 1927 and if so, what it is; and

(*b*) whether the Government has taken any and, if so, what steps to assign such areas and preferably to the poor?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The information asked for is appended.

(*b*) A copy of the Chief Conservator's report on the subject is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"In view of the fact that there are as many as 604 acres of cultivable lands in the district and in order to avoid these being frittered away, may I ask the Government whether they will be prepared to consider a definite policy of assigning these lands, first of all, to the depressed classes for cultivation, secondly to a class of peasant proprietors on the lines of the land policy enunciated in Ceylon lately by that Government?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire why no applications have been received for assignment of disafforested lands? Will the Government enquire why applications are not being received?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is an impossible task for Government, Sir."

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"The schedule gives reference only to those lands fit for paddy cultivation. May I know whether the Government will enquire as to the lands fit for other cultivation, and, if necessary, take the advice of the Agricultural Department in the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered.

Appendix VI

Vide answer to question No. 1192 asked by Mr. K. R. Karant at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th November 1927, page supra.]

(1)

Letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, L. Dis. No. 2780/27 dated 2nd August 1927.

[*Forests*—Cultivable lands—South Kanara district—Legislative Council Question No. 812.]

[*Ref.*—Government Memorandum No. 954 I/27-1, dated 23rd March 1927.]

Government in their order No. 58 Mis., dated 16th January 1923, directed the Chief Conservator to take steps to make the cultivable lands in the reserved forest of the South Kanara district available for cultivation either by disreservation or by the grant of forest leases. The orders were communicated to the Collector and Conservator. In May 1922 the Collector published a notification in the District Gazette inviting darkhast applications for lands situated within reserved forest.

2. An officer was placed on special duty, for selecting areas in the ghat forests (in the South Mangalore division) fit for paddy cultivation. He selected 16 plots aggregating 327·35 acres, eight situated on the edges of reserves and the remainder inside the reserves. In this office letter Reference No. 4899/25-1, dated 19th August 1925, proposals were submitted for the disreservation of the eight blocks situated on the edges of reserves. These were approved in G.O. Mis. No. 1818, dated 18th December 1925, the remaining eight blocks situated inside the reserves being also made available for cultivation. In August 1926 the concerned Tahsildars were instructed to take steps to assign the areas made available for cultivation but pending demarcation they have not yet been formally handed over to the Revenue Department. Demarcation is complete now and they will shortly be handed over.

3. In the North Mangalore division no application for land were received in response to the Collector's notification of May 1922 inviting applications. Investigations had shown that about 277 acres in the division is fit for cultivation but as there is no demand no action in respect of it is called for. Should a demand arise later the requisite action will be taken.

(2)

List of lands fit for cultivation in the reserved forest of South Mangalore division.

Number of plot.	Name of reserve.	Area disforested in acres.	Area treated as enclosure in acres.	Total area in each reserve in acres.
1	Kilarmale	..	14·08	14·08
2	Kiribag	..	19·20	
3	Do.	..	33·28	
4	Do.	..	38·40	
5	Do.	..	14·72	142·08
6	Do.	18·00	..	
7	Do.	8·40	..	
8	Do.	..	10·08	
9	Subramania	8·80	..	8·80
10	Kombar	40·95	..	
11	Do.	13·60	..	54·55
12	Shiradi Sisla ..	32·32	..	
13	Do. ..	..	16·80	
14	Do. ..	30·40	..	100·32
15	Do. ..	..	20·80	
16	Miyar	7·52	..	7·52
	Total ..	159·99	167·36	327·35

Revenue Department

Cno. 3511 A-27

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File transferred to Rec. for disposal.

Dev. Dept.

To U.S.

Please see L.C. Question in the c.f. It is a starred question.

Clause (a). The information asked for is contained in the statement at page ~~11 of G.O.Mis. 1270 Dev. dated 19-8-27~~ 3 C.F. This information may now be given in answer to this clause.

Clause (b). The C.C's report at page ~~9-10 of G.O.Mis.1270 Dev. dated 19-8-27~~ 3 C.F. explains clearly the position as regards the assignment of cultivable areas within reserved forests in the S. Kanara Dt. Perhaps it would suffice if the C.C's. report referred to, excluding ~~the~~ a portion ~~marked A on p.9 of the G.O.~~ is placed on the Council Table. The answer to this clause requires the acceptance of Revenue Department.

A draft answer is submitted below for approval. It may be sent to Revenue for acceptance.

I.G.
21-10-27.

A.T.
22-10-27.

Revenue Department.

To Secy.

Draft for acceptance.

Accepted. Please circulate to H.M.C.

J.F.H.
26-10-27.

Dev. Dept.

To U.S.

Revenue have accepted the draft answer below The file may now be submitted to H.Ms. C_3 and C_2 for approval of the draft answer below.

I.G.
27-10-27.

M.U.
28-10-27.

Having gone so far this seems the best answer practicable. But it is obvious that all land covered

vith any decent forest must be "suitable" for cultivation!

N.E.M.
30-10-27.

A.T.
31-10-27.

To U.S.

The draft answer below may now issue

I.G.
31-10-27.

To U.S.

Please see extract of Council Proceedings at pages 1-3 c.f.

2. Portion marked A on page ~~2~~ c.f.

This a matter for consideration in the Revenue Department. That Dept. may be requested t take relevant extracts and take necessary action.

4. The file may be sent to Revenue with reference to para. 2 above.

I.G.
5-12-27.

A.T.
5-12-27.

Dev. n.o. 3038 I 27-4
5-12-27.

Revenue Department

"Relevant extracts have been taken"

D.D.W.
12/12/27.

Dev.

Rev. C.no 3819 A-27
Regd 6-12-27

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R.S.
E.P.
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Rev. n.o. 3819 A-27-1
12-12-27.

Revenue Department

No. 3879 Agy. To S & I

Please see portions marked A-A of Dev. notes on p. 4 n. f. Extracts of relevant portions have been taken. The file may be returned to Dev. + a file has been opened

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As I understand the annexure C.F. the list is a list of lands included in Reserve Forest. If so there is no go. assignment until after dis prestation. Is my statement at A correct?

A 8/12/27. 7/12/27. 7/12/27

8/12/27

To R.S.

The extent of 159.99 acres shown in Col 3 of annexure I on p. 7 ct has already been disforested and is therefore available for assignment

vide reading

Col. 4 of the annexure shows that there is an extent of 167.36 acres of enclosures within the reserves. In accordance with the recent orders, this extent should be disforested.

G.O. 2026 Dev. 29.11.27 added to R.S. on 5-12-27.

Concerning the extent of 277 acres shown in annexure II,

the C.C. has reported on 2-8-27 that there was no demand for the land and that no requisition (for disforestation) would be taken when a demand arises

Ph cf para 3

See h.f.

12/12.27

12.27.
10/1/28

Please see portion marked A on in the extract from the proceedings of the Legislative Council on p. 1 CF

2. Concerning the policy governing ment of the lands to the depressed classes the rules in paragraph 38 (a) of B.S.O. no. 15 are, it is submitted, sufficient; no further action is ~~it is submitted~~, necessary except perhaps to send to the Board of Rev. an extract of the suggestion contained in the N.L.C. question and of the H.C.S. reply.

3. The N. L. C. has also asked whether the Govt would consider a definite policy of assigning the lands to a class of peasant proprietors on the lines of the policy enunciated by the Ceylon Government. What that Govt policy is is not known. The Ceylon gazette for 1927 has been looked into and no order or ordinance laying down the policy is traceable. In order whether the Colonial Government may be addressed to send a copy of their orders if any on the subject.

Not necessary I think

16.1.28

16/1/28.

12/1/28

15.1.28

To Secy.

A draft order is submitted for approval. MRV 20.1.28

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Circ. 20.1.28

SSM 20.1.28

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ORDER.

Mrs.

No. 168, dated 23-1-1928.

An extract from the Proceedings of the Legislative Council dated 5-11-27 relating to question no. 1192 is forwarded to the Board of Revenue. The Board is requested to invite the attention of the Collector of South Kanara to the suggestion contained in the supplementary question and to the answer given thereto

Dpd. by Van

Dpr's initials

Date 25-1-1928.

To

The Board of Rev., D.R.S. with copy of extract of pp 1 & 3 of the edited

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